



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On October 8, 2010, Michael D. McCroy, 36, and Shannon B. Jackson, 35, were sentenced for the March 13, 2009, attempted robbery of the First National Bank, 2008 Pratt Avenue, in Bellevue. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced McCroy to fifteen (15) years in prison and sentenced Jackson to ten (10) years in prison. After their release from prison, each will serve a five (5) year term of supervised release.

Jackson and McCroy entered the bank at 7:00 a.m. by shattering an office window. Two tellers and a security guard had just entered the bank and deactivated the alarm. The bank had yet to open for business. A witness outside the bank observed the break-in and called the police.

One robber pulled the guard into an office and demanded the combination to the vault. The guard was hit in the face and tasered. One robber grabbed a teller, held a bb gun to her back, and restrained her at the vault by holding her by her hair. He demanded that she open the vault. Before she could get the vault open, the robbers became aware that police were nearby and ran from the bank.

McCroy ran out the shattered window directly toward a Bellevue Police Officer. McCroy was chased onto, and across, Cornhusker before being apprehended in rush hour traffic. When the Bellevue Police Department retraced McCroy's path, they recovered a bb gun, tasers and a two-way radio.

Jackson left the bank with McCroy. He crossed Cornhusker and hid in a wooded area. He was discovered by Bellevue Police and Sarpy County Sheriff's Deputies a short time later.

Name of Defendant: Michael D. McCroy and Shannon B. Jackson

AKA:

Age: McCroy, 36, and Jackson, 35

City of residence: Omaha, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) and (d) (Up to 25 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, not more than 5 year term of supervised release, \$100 special assessment).

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Bellevue

Location of Arrest: Bellevue

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: NA

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 13, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: July 14, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: May 5, 2009

Indictment Returned Date: July 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: Jackson, July 31, 2009; McCroy, August 11, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Plea - Jackson and McCroy - June 30, 2010

Sentencing Date: October 8, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: Jackson, July 31, 2009; McCroy, August 11, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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